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SUBJECT: YEMEN LOOKS TO SEND OBSERVERS TO IRAQI ELECTIONS

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Nabeel Khoury for reasons 1.4 b and d.

(C) On the margins of a December 28 meeting with Foreign Minister Qirbi concerning the Sanaa Gathering meeting in Khartoum (reftel), Special Advisor to the Foreign Minister Khalid al-Yemeni told Charge and Pol/Econ Chief that Yemen is working with the Canadians to send observers to the January 30 Iraqi elections. Al-Yemeni added that Yemen is the only Arab countries with the exception of Jordan planning to support the Iraqi elections with observers. Charge agreed this was indeed a positive development as well as an important signal of ROYG support for the political process in Iraq.

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